FISCAL NOTE

HB 303 - SB 588

March 10, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes planning commissions in Hamilton, Knox, Davidson, and Shelby counties, upon adoption of a resolution, to require all group homes licensed by the state to register with such planning commissions. The bill provides for fees to be charged for registration to defray the cost, authorizes delinquent fees, and requires the registry of such group homes to be available for public inspection. Failure to register such a group home would result in the loss of state funds and/or the revocation of the license. Any group home that fails to register would be reported to the state licensing agency for hearings and possible disciplinary actions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Less Than \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant / Permissive Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Less Than \$100,000

Assumes that approximately 500 state-licensed and operated group homes would be required to register with such planning commissions in the four affected counties at an average assumed registration fee of \$50. Also assumes increased state expenditures to the extent that any group homes that fail to register would be entitled to hearings. The number of such homes that would fail to register is not known, but is estimated to be small.

Assumes an increase in local government expenditures for administrative costs to the extent that such counties choose to require such registry.

Also assumes that local governments choosing to require such a registry would experience an increase in revenues from registration fees. Since such fees are to be set to defray the costs of administering the registry, such revenues are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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